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Applicant: Assaf DEKEL

Serial Number: 10/031,450

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Title: Method and Apparatus for Spinal Procedures

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to a response to Notification of Missing Requirements dated April 1, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows prior to examination:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly add the following, on page 1, immediately after the title:

–RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a U.S. national application of PCT/IL00/00458, filed August 1, 2000.–

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the present claims 4, 6-10, 14-29, 32-42, 44-55 with the following claims in clean form:

4. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, comprising a shield adjacent said rasp, to prevent contact of said rasp with tissue at at least some locations along said rasp.

6. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said rasp is positioned between said shield and said handle, such that said rasp has an at least partially unshielded active face towards said handle.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity) Applicant(s): Assaf DEKEL		Docket No. 110/02847

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Invention: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SPINAL PROCEDURES**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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